



## KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Johnson, Gene Carda, Betty Wilkens

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Hoppe, Kevin Belkholm

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deanna Pomije, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski, Dennis McNally, Kanabec County Commissioner

Secy.-Treasurer Johnson called meeting together at 4:30 p.m.

M/S/C Wilkens, Carda to approve Minutes of August 11 board meeting, financial report for August.

Unfinished Business: Deanna reported that the Tentis erosion project near Fish Lake is completed; Felger's feedlot concrete pour is completed. Ford Township road; Gene Carda got an estimate for permanent paving the ¼ mile steep north section. Deanna also spoke with Chad Gramentz the county engineer who recommended regrading of the road surface and shoulder. Mike suggested that a request be made to the Snake River Watershed Board for funding. Aaron Habeck feedlot project – still interested in completing project. Cost-share funding expires this calendar year.

Area III Meeting September 24- Meeting registration are starting to come in; working on final details. M/S/C Carda, Wilkens to pay registration for board and staff members.

D.C. Report: Shannon mentioned the Soil Health Field Day on September 15 in Pine County. She also reported on technical assistance, training, meetings they have been involved with. Also EQIP and RCPP activities.

D.M. Report: Copies of Kanabec County's Resolution for Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid designating oversight of the program to Kanabec SWCD was handed out. A plan of how the funds will be used must be submitted to the DNR by December 31, 2015. Deanna said a meeting has been set up for October 15 at 10:00 a.m. to get input from lake association members and the public. M/S/C Wilkens, Carda to go ahead with the AIS project.

FY '16 Clean Water Fund: Buffer implementation needs to be submitted by October 14. Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program - \$14,000 in funding is available for buffers & promotion of MAWQCP. M/S/C Wilkens, Carda to proceed with the program.

Update on \$100,000 available to SWCDs – BWSR is looking for comments on how to apply for the funding.

Deanna & Mike reported on the groundwater training they each went to. Civic Governance – Deanna reported they continue to meet monthly. She attended a Fish Lake Association meeting. She also attended Forestry training in Cloquet. Also mentioned possible future staffing plans and discussions with neighboring districts. Deanna mentioned she had visited with Tony Miller, DNR Forester about the district forgoing doing Forest Stewardship Plan at this time; there are private foresters available to write plans.

District Conservation Farm: Betty suggested that the district take a look at what we are currently doing on the farm, and how the farm could be used to demonstrate more conservation practices.

Committee Reports: Mike & Deanna attend SRWMB meeting; new employee is on board. Deanna mentioned there is now a state Soil Loss Statute – SWCDs would be responsible to investigate any claims and come up with a solution for the problem.

Next meeting scheduled for October 13 at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

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